

A MINUTE on your turf

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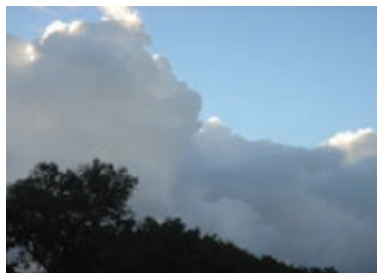
Wetters - making the most of scarce water

The Australian wetting agent category is cluttered and confused, but it doesn't have to be that way. The use patterns indicated on product labels provide an insight into the type of wetter you are buying and the price should match the performance. It's true that you only get what you pay for, but a little targeted scrutiny will reveal that some products can present strikingly better value than others.

Soil wetting agents are formulated by blending various surfactant compounds. In their simplest form, wetting agents are detergent like and highly unsuitable for turf use. These products are used at low rates, need to be applied regularly and will wash valuable organic compounds through the soil as they inevitably leach from the root zone.

At the other end of the spectrum, sophisticated wetting technology is highly beneficial to the turf environment. Characterised by lipophilic (attracted to soil) and hydrophilic (attracted to water) activity, these wetters can be applied in stronger doses to last longer and they are very safe to turfgrass. Because they bind to soil particles they resist leaching, and their attraction to water results in moisture being conveniently held around the root zone.

Environmentally and agronomically, sophisticated soil wetters are worth every cent.



July rain clouds, hopefully more will follow

Aquaturf - High performance - Affordable price

AQUAturf uses a blend of surfactant compounds that make it a versatile soil wetter. Able to penetrate the most hydrophobic soil, Aquaturf binds itself to soil particles to prevent dry patch for extended periods. Put it on stronger and watch it last longer, or, apply it in light doses more regularly to cope with the hottest of summers.

- Available in liquid or granular form.
- Increases infiltration and evenness wetting front.
- Hydrophilic - holds water to prevent dry patch.
- Lipophilic - stops leaching of valuable wetters.
- Stable polymeric make up is extremely safe to turf.
- Versatile blend of actives - curative and preventative.



This month Living Turf is proud to welcome Greg Holihan to its team. With a broad history in professional turf, Greg is technically very capable and has a strong peer network throughout our industry.

Some younger greenkeepers will know Greg as a teacher at Ryde TAFE, while more mature practitioners will remember Greg as a field officer for ATRI where he worked for 6 years at the start of his turf career.



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In between he has worked for facilities including Concord and Pennant Hills Golf Clubs, Lizard Island Resort in Qld and even as a television presenter for Sydney Weekender.

I've known Greg for over a decade and have great respect for his turf knowledge, enthusiasm and his personal integrity. Greg has a lot to offer and his professional services to Living Turf customers will complement his ongoing work with Ryde TAFE.

Otherwise, we move on toward spring hoping for more rain - and I hope you enjoy this edition of 'A Minute on your Turf'.

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